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TAGS: PINT, EFIN, JM  
SUBJECT: COORE OUT AS FINANCE MINISTER, BELL TAKES HIS PLACE

1. PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY ANNOUNCED ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 1 THAT HE HAD "...IN EXERCISE OF (HIS) CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AS PRIME MINISTER TRANSFERRED THE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUBJECT OF FINANCE FROM THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE HONORABLE DAVID COORE, AND ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HONORABLE ERIC BELL." MANLEY ADDED, "I EXPRESS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE LOYALTY, INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE OF THE MINISTER" AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE INTENDED TO ASSIGN COORE TO ANOTHER PORTFOLIO. COMMENTING FURTHER, MANLEY SAID, "... IT IS MY OWN WISH AND INTENTION THAT I BE AFFORDED HIS (COORE'S) CONTINUED VALUABLE SUPPORT AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER." THE STATEMENT THEN ADDED THAT COORE, "WHILST REAFFIRMING HIS ESTABLISHED COMMITMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PARTY AND EXPRESSING THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NATION IN SOME IMPORTANT SPHERE", WAS WEARY AND HAD

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REQUESTED SIX MONTH'S LEAVE, A REQUEST WHICH WAS BEING GRANTED. THEN, AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEACHER'S AFFAIRS A.G.R. BYFIELD WOULD TAKE TEMPORARY CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
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